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SUBJECT: STATUS OF MEO REFUGEES IN NAN PROVINCE

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1. UNHCR HAS SHARED WITH MISSION SUBSTANCE OF FIRST REPORT
FROM JAEGER/RIZVI IN BANGKOK AS FOLLOWS:

A. WHILE OVERALL SITUATION VIETNAMESE AND CAMBODIANS
ACCEPTABLE POSITION, LAOTIAN GROUP, PARTICULARLY MEOS, NOT
SATISFACTORY PRINCIPALLY IN VIEW SIZE SPECIAL COMPOSITION OF GROUP
AND SUDDENNESS INFLUX. INFORMATION REGARDING NUMBER MEOS VARIES
ACCORDING TO SOURCE AND FACT THAT EACH SOURCE GIVES DIFFERENT
FIGURES INDICATIVE OF UNRELIABILITY OF INFORMATION. LATEST
FIGURES PROVIDED HCR REPS BY MINISTRY INTERIOR ARE VIETNAMESE
1,853, CAMBODIANS 6,968 AND LAOTIAN 31,914.

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B. RTG NOT FULLY ACCEPTS PRINCIPLE OVERALL ASSISTANCE THROUGH

UNHCR INCLUDING SHELTER, CARE AND MAINTENANCE. TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS HAVE STARTED. AIM IS MINISTER INTERIOR SUBMITTING MATTER TO CABINET MEETING TUESDAY, 29 JULY. AFTER SIGNING AGREEMENT HCR WILL NEED IMMEDIATELY HALF A MILLION DOLLARS OF ESTIMATED TOTAL REQUIREMENT OF \$5 MILLION.

C. UNHCR OFFICE WAS FOUND TO BE MAINLY PROMOTING RE-SETTLEMENT ON A CASE BASIS. JAEGER BELIEVES MAJOR BREAK-THROUGH HAS NOW BEEN ACHIEVED AND GIVEN NECESSARY MEANS UNHCR ROLE EXPECTED TO BE CENTRAL AND CERTAINLY MORE IMPORTANT THAN ANY OTHER SOURCE. A COORDINATION MEETING CHAIRED TUESDAY BY THAI RED CROSS WAS ATTENDED BY REPS FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY, INTERIOR AND DEFENSE AND UNHCR, ICRC, AND ICEM. ICRC DELEGATED STATED THAT ICRC ROLE WILL BE LIMITED TO TRACING SERVICE. GOVERNMENT REPS MINIMIZED ROLE OF VOLAGS.

2. JAEGER/RIZVI RETURNING GENEVA THIS WEEKEND AND WILL REPORT IN DETAIL EARLY NEXT WEEK. MEANWHILE, UNHCR REQUESTS INDICATION OF US FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO BE EXPECTED FOR OPERATIONS IN THAILAND. DALE

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